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| Interview Summary | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 10/042,483 | DATTA ET AL. | |
| | Examiner Mark P. Francis | Art Unit 2193 | |

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mark P. Francis

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(2) J.B. Kraft, Reg. No 19,226

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Date of Interview: 19 March 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1,7,9,15,17, and 23.

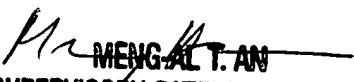
Identification of prior art discussed: Gou et al Computers in Industry 1998, pp 213-231 and Fujita et al (Pat #6347253).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Incorporating the limitations of claims 7,15, and 23 into the independent claims to place the case in condition for allowance.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an
Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required